

Higher Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program

PROGRAM SUMMARY

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HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 1998 PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program, administered by the USDA office of Higher Education Programs and authorized by section 815 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act of 1996 (7 USC 3241), is a competitive grants programs designed to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI's) to carry out education programs that attract, retain, and produce outstanding graduate students capable of enhancing the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce. Projects may involve individual institutions, consortia or HSI's, or cooperative initiatives between two (2) or more HSI's or with other colleges and universities, units of government, or the private sector.

Only Hispanic-Serving Institutions are eligible to apply for grants under this program. An eligible 2- or 4-year college or university must: (1) have at least 25 percent Hispanic student enrollment and meet other eligibility criteria.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 1998, \$2,418,098 were available to support projects in the following areas of emphasis: (1) Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching; (2) Curricula Design, Materials Development, or Library Resources; (3) Instruction Delivery Systems; (4) Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching; (5) Student Experiential Learning; and (6) Student Recruitment and Retention (including financial assistance).

A total of 32 different institutions from 7 states submitted 36 proposals for consideration for funding for this second year of the program. Institutions submitting proposals were from the following states: California (8), Illinois (1), New Mexico (11), New York (1), Puerto Rico (5), Texas (9), and Washington (1). These 36 proposals requested a total of \$6,888,159 in USDA funding. In June 1998, the grant applications were evaluated by a 12 member peer review panel. The panel was comprised of faculty members of land-grant and non land-grant universities, private industry, and representatives of the Federal government. Panelists represented various academic areas including business, agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, family and consumer sciences, and closely allied disciplines. Based on the peer review deliberations, funds were available to support grants to 10 lead institutions. An additional 21 other entities (including land-grant institutions, other 4- and 2- year colleges, local school districts, state agencies, and private organizations and businesses) will be involved in these projects. Although not required by USDA, almost all of these institutions are leveraging Federal grant funds with institutional cost-sharing or third party support. A total of \$898,986 in cash and non-cash contributions is being provided by these institutions as matching funds.

The following chart presents information on the grants awarded under the FY 1998 Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED

PROJECT DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS AWARDED
Michael J. Foudy Occupational Education Hartnell Community College Salinas, California	Agricultural Education Expansion Project	\$ 135,185
Donald Lindsey Agriculture and Home Economics New Mexico State University Las Cruces, New Mexico	The Bridge for Success	\$ 270,000
Anthony Sena Mathematics, Science & Engineering Northern New Mexico Community College El Rito, New Mexico	Growing A Food Technology Degree Program for Northern New Mexico	\$ 270,000
Albert Reed Dean of Instruction Santa Fe Community College Santa Fe, New Mexico	Classrooms Without Walls: A Bridge to Careers for Underserved Populations	\$ 292,548
J. Juechter Business Department Bronx Community College Bronx, New York	Food and Warehouse	\$ 219,906

<p>Ilse Sanders Biology Department Inter American University of Puerto Rico San German, Puerto Rico</p>	<p>A Program to Improve the Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching</p>	<p>\$ 140,255</p>
<p>Juan A. Negron Dean Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Barranquitas Barranquitas, Puerto Rico</p>	<p>Cross-Training in Agriculture</p>	<p>\$ 270,000</p>
<p>Verna I. Tremel Veterinary Technology Department Palo Alto College San Antonio, Texas</p>	<p>Strengthening a Veterinary Technology Program Through Distance Education</p>	<p>\$ 265,222</p>
<p>Gary L. McBryde Agronomy & Resource Sciences Texas A&M University-Kingsville</p>	<p>Bringing Industry into Agricultural & Food Science Higher Education</p>	<p>\$ 270,000</p>
<p>Larry Spears Department of Natural Sciences University of Houston - Downtown Houston, Texas</p>	<p>Attracting Underrepresented Students to the Sciences Through a Seed Testing and Research Program (STRP)</p>	<p>\$ 284,982</p>

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Total Funds Awarded to States and Lead Institutions**

<u>State</u>	<u>Lead Institution</u>	<u>Funds</u>
California	Hartnell Community College	\$ 135,185
New Mexico	New Mexico State University	270,000
New Mexico	Northern New Mexico Community College	270,000
New Mexico	Santa Fe Community College	292,548
New York	Bronx Community College	219,906
Puerto Rico	Inter American University of Puerto Rico	140,255
Puerto Rico	Inter American University of Puerto Rico	270,000
Texas	Palo Alto College	265,222
Texas	Texas A&M University - Kingsville	270,000
Texas	University of Houston - Downtown	<u>284,982</u>
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